

REVENUE DEPARTMENT[701]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code chapter 17A and sections 421.14 and 421.17, the Department of Revenue hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 6, "Organization, Public Inspection," Iowa Administrative Code.

This proposed new rule provides that the Director of Revenue may extend the period of time for filing tax returns for up to one year for businesses and persons located in disaster areas declared by the Governor.

The proposed rule will not necessitate additional expenditures by political subdivisions or agencies and entities that contract with political subdivisions.

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

The Department has determined that this proposed rule may have an impact on small business. The Department has considered the factors listed in Iowa Code section 17A.4A. The Department will issue a regulatory analysis as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4A if a written request is filed by delivery or by mailing postmarked no later than October 27, 2008, to the Policy Section, Taxpayer Services and Policy Division, Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. The request may be made by the Administrative Rules Review Committee, the Administrative Rules Coordinator, at least 25 persons signing that request who each qualify as a small business or an organization representing at least 25 such persons.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on this proposed rule on or before October 14, 2008. Such written comments should be directed to the Policy Section, Taxpayer Services and Policy Division, Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

Persons who want to convey their views orally should contact the Policy Section, Taxpayer Services and Policy Division, Department of Revenue, at (515)281-8036 or at the Department of Revenue offices on the fourth floor of the Hoover State Office Building.

Requests for a public hearing must be received by October 17, 2008.

This rule is intended to implement 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2400, section 52.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following new rule 701—6.8(421):

701—6.8(421) Tax return extension in disaster areas. If a natural disaster is declared by the governor in any area of the state, the director may extend for a period of up to one year the due date for the filing of any tax return and may suspend any associated penalty or interest that would accrue during that period of time for any affected taxpayer whose principal residence or business is located in the covered area if the director determines it necessary for the efficient administration of the tax laws of this state. The director will notify the public of any possible extensions of tax filings as well as possible suspensions of penalty and interest. Notification will be made through different means available to the director including, but not limited to, press releases, media information, and the department's Web site. Persons eligible for extension shall notify the director that they qualify and shall include a notation of the reason for the extension request on the tax return.

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